MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Bowringpet—Rural).—

Q.—139 Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When the Government Soap Factory was started ?

(*b*) the capital invested on the same so far ?

(*c*) the profits earned and the percentage of profits in relation to the capital each year from the year of its starting ?

(*d*) whether any proposals have been received to purchase the concern ?

(*e*) if so, by whom and the terms offered by them ?

(*f*) whether they intend to sell the same and if so, the terms on which they are prepared to do so ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya).—

A.—(*a*) 1918.

(*b*) Rs. 4,60,850.

(*c*) This information cannot be furnished.

(*d*) There was an informal meeting of certain gentlemen in the Soap Factory premises on 1st August 1941 to explore the question of floating a Joint Stock concern, in connection with the expansion of the Factory but the idea was not further pursued.

(*e*) Does not arise.

(*f*) No.

MR. H. P. BASAPPA (Heggaddevankote—Rural).—

Q.—143. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of revenue collected by the Patel and Shanbhog of Karigala per head during June 1940 and that credited into the treasury ;

(*b*) whether it is the Shanbhog or the Patel who retained the amount collected without crediting the same into the treasury ; what is the amount so retained by each of them ;

(*c*) whether it is the Patel or the Shanbhog that is responsible for the money ;

(*d*) the reason for leaving such a heavy amount with the Shanbhog ;

(*e*) whether the Patel had brought with him the *khirdi* or not when he had come to credit the amount ;

(*f*) how was the amount mentioned by the Patel credited to the treasury in the absence of the *khirdi* ;

(*g*) whether the *potgi* amount was not being disbursed to the Patel and the Shanbhog every year ; what is the amount of *potgi* of each ;

(*h*) the amounts credited by these officers during 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40 and 1940-41 each month separately on behalf of the village (separate figures to be given) ;

(*i*) how many petitions were received from January 1941 to June 1941 alleging that the Patel and Shanbhog defalcated the land revenue collection and on what date ;

(*j*) the reason for the delay in taking action on the petition ;

(*k*) the reason for not having taken action against the Patel when the Government are taking action against the Shanbhog and proceeding with it ?